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Memorandum

To: *Commission Members*
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June 6, 2006, Commission Meeting

2007 Comprehensive Land Use Plan: Presentation of Preliminary Drafts

On June 6, we will continue our discussion of the 2007 Comprehensive Land Use Plan, focusing on recreation resources, forestry resources, and plant and animal habitat resources. Enclosed for your consideration are preliminary drafts of these sections. At the meeting, we will walk you through these three documents, highlighting major themes and issues and discussing proposed updates of the goals and policies.

Recreational Resources. As you know, one of the defining values of the jurisdiction is its diverse and abundant recreational opportunities. Many changes have occurred over the past decade that have shaped the recreation-related issues facing LURC. During the June meeting, we will guide you through the Recreational Resources draft, primarily to bring to light emerging recreation issues that were not considered or fully addressed in the 1997 plan.

Forest Resources. The jurisdiction's vast forestland, with both the economic value that it provides for fiber production as well as the relatively undeveloped and remote landscape that it creates, is perhaps the most distinctive of the jurisdiction's principal values. With new information on the state of the forest and rapidly changing landownership patterns, a substantial amount of this section is comprised of new language. We will guide you through the changes to this section and emerging issues.

Plant and Animal Habitat. The jurisdiction has long been distinguished by high quality habitat. However, we know much more today about the diverse array of plants and animals inhabiting the area than we did ten years ago. The information compels newfound appreciation for the value of the area's habitat and a recognition that landscape level habitat planning could contribute much to the Commission's efforts to preserve the principal values of the jurisdiction. We will guide you through a new section, entitled *Plant and Animal Habitat*, which combines and replaces two sections in the 1997 Plan – Wildlife and Fisheries Resources and Special Natural Areas. The language of the enclosed draft is completely new, so copies of the 1997 sections they replace are attached for reference. Also enclosed is a copy of a related appendix which will likely be included as an appendix in the new Plan.

We encourage you to actively discuss the issues raised in the Recreation, Forestry and Habitat drafts at the June meeting. You are also welcome to share your thoughts, by phone or in writing, at any time as you have more time to reflect on these and other sections. We look forward to discussing these matters with you.

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Attachments: Preliminary drafts of 2007 Comprehensive Land Use Plan:

- Recreation Resources (*clean copy*)
- Recreation Resources (*showing changes*)
- Forestry Resources (*clean copy*)
- Forestry Resources (*showing changes*)
- Plant and Animal Habitat
- 1997 CLUP excerpts of Wildlife and Fisheries Resources, Special Natural Areas, and Appendix E – Land Use Regulation Commission's Policies Concerning Deer Yard Issues)